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SUBJ: ETHIOPIA PROHIBITS IMPORTS OF PASSENGER VEHICLES WITH
ENGINE DISPLACEMENT OVER 1300 CC

1. ON OCTOBER 25, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM
ISSUED DIRECTIVE, "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE
PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 4, 1974",
PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF PASSENGER VEHICLES WITH ENGINE
DISPLACEMENT IN EXCESS OF 1300 CC. (OCTOBER 4 ANNOUNCEMENT
PROHIBITED IMPORTATION OF PASSENGER VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF
1700 CC, EXCEPT FOR UTILITY AND FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES.)

2. FOUR VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF 1300 CC ARE SPECIFICALLY
EXEMPTED FROM NEW RULING BECAUSE OF "THEIR SUITABILITY TO THE
TERRAIN OF THE COUNTRY AS REGARDS STRENGTH AND DURABILITY":
A) PEUGEOT 404; B) RENAULT 16; C) VOLKSWAGEN BRAZILIA MODEL 102;
AND VOLKSWAGEN CROSS-COUNTRY MODEL 181.

3. ACCORDING TO DIRECTIVE, EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR
PASSENGER VEHICLES OVER 1300 CC WHICH, A) ORDERED PRIOR TO
OCTOBER 4, 1974 FOR WHICH AN "IRREVOCABLE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH THE NATIONAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA"; B) SHIPPED
PRIOR TO OCTOBER 4 AND "ON THE WAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONTRACT
CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE IMPORTER AND FOREIGN MANUFACTURER" OR
C) ORDERED AND PAID FOR PRIOR TO OCTOBER 4 AND "ON THE WAY AT
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PORT OF ENTRY OR IN CUSTOMS BONDED WAREHOUSE".

4. WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE LARGER CARS AS GIFTS. RULING ALSO DOES NOT APPLY TO "PERSONS OR INSTITUTIONS WITH DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY". HOWEVER, SUCH INDIVIDUALS OR INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EITHER SELL OR GIVE AWAY SUCH VEHICLES TO ANYONE IN ETHIOPIA WITHOUT THESE PRIVILEGES. AS LATTER RULING WILL AFFECT USG PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE STATIONED IN ETHIOPIA IN FUTURE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT BRING THIS PROVISION TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

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